



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1278-C)

In the Application of:)
Lawton, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/054,647)
Filed: January 22, 2002)
For: Compositions and Methods for Detection)
Of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia*)
chaffeensis Antibodies)
Art Unit: 1645
Examiner: Ford, V.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: February 17, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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